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REMARKS

Cite Nos. F1 and F2, listed on Form PTO/SB/08A submitted herewith, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2003/003482, of which the presently submitted patent application is to be the National Stage. A copy of the Search Report is attached.

Furthermore, among the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, Cite No. F3 is not in English.

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The entire "Background Art" section of the specification in the present application amounts to a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite No. F3.

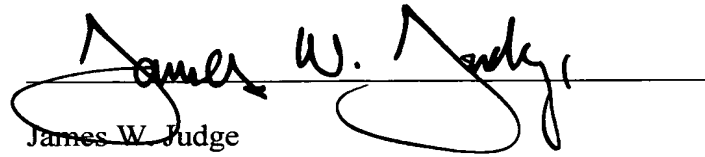
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In addition, an English abstract of Cite No. F3 is available, and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the front of the reference. (Note that Cite No. F3 is a published Japanese *examined* patent application. Nevertheless, the English abstract for Cite No. F3 is taken from the published corresponding *unexamined* patent application.)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A, and to make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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